

LIVING WORDS 7

THROUGH A

DYING MAN;

BEING

A Melodious Song of the Mercies and Judgments of the Lord, sung by a Disciple of Christ on his dying bed, when the Pangs of Death were upon his outward man.

With an Arrow shot against *Babylon*, being a direct Prophecy of the Downfal of her Merchants, the Hirelings and False Prophets.

With sweet Exhortations and Prophecies also of the spreading of the Glorious Truth of God, until it shall have covered the Face of the whole Earth.

By one who dyed a Prisoner for the Testimony of Jesus, FRANCIS PATCHET.

Rev. 2. 10. Fear none of these things that thou shalt suffer: Behold the Devil shall cast some of you into Prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have Tribulation Ten Dayes; but be thou faithful unto death, & I will give thee a Crown of Life.

Cor. 4. 16. Though our Outward man perish, yet the Inward man is renewed Day by Day.

Cor. 4. 17. For our light Affliction, which is but for a Moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal Weight of Glory:



Several Testimonies concerning the faithful
 Servant of God Francis Patchet of Scot-
 forth, in the County of Lancaster, who
 dyed a Sufferer for the Testimony of Je-
 sus; which he held against the Antichri-
 stian Oppression of Tythes, infl. ed upon
 him by one — Garthwaite the Priest
 of Lancaster: And because for Good Con-
 science sake he could not satisfie the Un-
 lawful and Unreasonable Demands of the
 said Priest, in giving, or paying him
 Tythes, he cast him into prison in Lan-
 caster; But this not being sufficient to
 satisfie his Envy and Cruelty (as after-
 wards will further appear) would not let
 him be so near home, but removed him to
 London, about 180 Miles from his abode,
 where he was committed to the Fleet Pri-
 son until the time of Sicknes, which was
 unto death; and dyed a Prisoner the 2d.
 of the 10th Month, 1577.

The Testimony of Christopher and Eliza-
 beth Cheelman concerning him.

I Have a Living Testimony to bear con-
 cerning Francis Patchet that faithful

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Sufferer in the Cause of God, who held forth his Testimony unto the end of his dayes against the Oppression of Tythes, for which he dyed a Prisoner at London, about one hundred and eighty Miles from his Habitation, being sent thither by a persecuting hireling Priest, because for good Conscience sake he could not satsfie his greedy Appetite, in paying or giving him Tythes, which being in direct Opposition to the Government of our Lord Iesus Christ our High Priest, who was sent by the Father, and offered up himself once for all, to put an end to the first Priesthood, with Tythes and Offerings appertaining to the first Covenant: And therefore doth every one that believeth in Christ Iesus the second Covenant, and in Faithfulness obey him, deny to pay Tythes, and to maintain such Ministers, who abide not in Christ's Doctrine, who said, *Freely ye have received freely give*; which command, the Apostles and Ministers of Christ, in dayes past, did keep. as do his Ministers in this our Age, Glory to the Lord God forever.

Christ and his Apostles and Ministers
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took no Tythes, nor persecuted any, either for Maintenance, or because they differed from them in Worship or Religion: And those Ministers who obey Christ, and abide in his Doctrine, and follow his Example, and the Example of his Holy Apostles; those are true Ministers, and profit the People: But those who *teach for filthy Lucre*, and persecute those (who are taught of God) *For Wages*, for whom they do no Work; such are they the Prophet speaks of, *That run and God never sent them*, and therefore they *Profit not the People at all*.

And this faithful Sufferer loved not his Life unto death, but laid it down in Testimony for the Truth of God, & a Witness against the persecuting Hireling Priest; and is now crowned with Glory Immortal among the Redeemed of the Lord for ever and evermore.

And I (being a frequent Visiter of him for divers dayes before his Death, yea, many times in a Day, and in that Night also; when Pangs of Death took hold on his outward man, under which he lay with

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much Patience, even as a Lamb without
complaint, and as one not afrighted or di-
sturbed at the appearance of Death) can
give a further and clearer Testimony of his
Faithfulness to the pure Truth of God,
which he spake and declared of, some few
hours before his departure, being very
weak, insomuch that according to outward
appearance his sudden departure was much
expected; and all about him did conclude;
that his Breath was almost gone; but after
he had lain still a little while, being a little
after the 12. hour of the night, at which
time he began to speak & continued speak-
ing till about the 3. hour, in Praising and
magnifying the name of the Lord; but his
Voice at first was so weak, that we could
not clearly hear what he said, only we un-
derstood that he pray'd & said *O Lord God*
of mercy, preserve thy People, & immediate-
ly his speech was strengthened, & he spake
with an audible voice; so that he was heard
over all the Chamber where he lay, and he
began to sing forth of the mercy & good-
ness of the Lord, and said, 'O Lord God
Everlasting praises everlasting, Glory and

'Ho.

'Honour for ever be given to thy Name;
 'thou hast made way for thy Redeemed
 'as in ancient dayes, when thou madest the
 'Sea dry land for thy People *Israel* to go
 'through; Oh Glory and Honour for e-
 'ver be unto thy Name, who art Un-
 'changeable in all thy wayes; thou madest
 'man in thy own Image, in thy Likeness
 'madest thou him; but he lost it through
 'Disobedience: But O Lord, in thy Un-
 'expressible Love thou sent thy only Son
 'Jesus Christ the *New man* (not *Old Adam*)
 'to redeem again; Oh everlasting Praises to
 'thy name for ever saith my soul; Oh the
 'Seed; the little Seed must spring and
 'grow, till it comes to reign, whose right
 'it is, and all that stands in Opposition a-
 'gainst it, must be brought under; all that
 'is contrary to it, must bow to its Appear-
 'ance: Oh our God! there is no God
 'like to our God: He hath given his Son
 'a Light into the world, and his Salvati-
 'on to the ends of the Earth, Glory and
 'Honour to the Lord for ever: O
 'this blessed day! where'n Truth has ap-
 'peared: Oh *England's* Glory! Truth,

Truth, against all Untruth. Oh Friends,
obey the Truth, love the Truth, *Buy the
Truth and Sell it not.* Ah Christ Jesus *The
Way, the Truth and the Life!* Oh my dear
Friends, Brethren and Sisters, that are here
with me, I know you not (that is, after the
flesh) *love the Truth, obey the Truth; Truth,
Truth, Truth; God's Truth is pure, it is
holy, it admits of no Impurity, of no
mixture; it leads out of the Fall, out of
the Old Adam:* Oh the little Seed that
grows in God's Garden! Ah dear friends,
work in the Garden of God, mind the
little Penny, work in the Garden of God:
Oh how Love springs up in my Heart!
Oh Praises, Praises, Thanksgiving and
Halelujah's unto our God for ever, saith
my soul. Oh the Unutterableness, the
Unspeakable Love to my soul this
Night! Oh Praises, Praises unto the
Lord, and all that is within me give
thanks and magnifie his Name for ever,
and ever more.

And speaking of the House of the Lord
and Temple of the Lord, he said,

Glorious is the House of God; Oh! a
House

' House of Holiness, a pure House, a House
 ' of love, and her gates praise : Oh our
 ' God is a consuming God; he consumes all
 ' that is bad, all Impurity, all Uncleanness :
 ' our God consumeth all that is Unholy,
 ' all that is Wrong : And our God is light,
 ' and in him is no darkness at all. Oh dear
 ' Friends, Brethren and Sisters, dwell in
 ' the light ; he that dwelleth in the light,
 ' dwelleth in God ; but he that dwelleth
 ' not in the light dwelleth not in God, but
 ' in darkness, and so in Wickedness, in Sin
 ' and Transgression, in the pride of life,
 ' and the vanities of the world. So my
 ' dear Friends, Brethren and Sisters, love
 ' the Truth, believe in the Truth, and the
 ' Truth will make you free : And to all
 ' that abide in the Truth they spring forth
 ' and grow like as the Willows by the
 ' Water Courses, and shall never be Bar-
 ' ren or Unfruitful. Oh Friends, the Day,
 ' the promised Seed is come ! Oh the Glo-
 ' ry of *England* ! A blessed Day is broken
 ' forth that shall never end ; he is come to
 ' reign whose Right it is. Oh the Lamb
 ' shall have the Victory against all Oppo-
 sition

' fition whatsoever: Christ Jesus is come
 ' the promised Seed, which shall grow and
 ' prosper till it hath covered the Face of
 ' the whole Earth. *And in Prayer he said,*
 ' O Lord preserve all Friends, my dear
 ' Brethren and Sisters, in the Truth to the
 ' end and for ever.

*This is part of what this faithful Sufferer did
 declare, when Pangs of Death were upon
 his outward man, witnessed by*

Christopher	}	Cheesman,
and		
Elizabeth		

And so he went forward, Praising
 and magnifying the Lord, declar-
 ing of his great and wonderous works
 from the Creation to this day; and of
 the great Love of God in sending his Son
 for the Redemption of man, and bringing
 of man back out of the Fall: And he spake
 much of the Lord's making way for his
 People in this Nation of *England*, as is
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ancient dayes he made way through the
Red Sea for his chosen *Israel* to pass forth
of *Egypt* on dry land: And he declared
very much concerning the Temple of
God, and House of God, and Garden of
God, beyond what we have retained in
memory, or can commit to Writing; And
that God is Light, and in him is no Dark-
ness at all; and they that love God are in
the Light, and they that love not God, are
in Darkness, and they that hate the Light
walk in Darkness, and in the Vanities and
Delights, and the Abominations of the
World: And further magnifying the
Name of the Lord said, ‘Oh the Light
‘and Everlasting day that is now broken
‘forth, it is the Glory of *England*; and
‘the Work of the Lord shall prosper
‘against all Opposition whatsoever. And
he often repeated it over,—‘Oh the Ap-
‘pearance of Truth, the Glory of *England*;
And concerning the House of God,
‘The House of God (said he) is a House
‘of Holiness, a House of Purity, a House
‘built without Hands, of living Stones,
‘precious and chosen, that need no Ham-
‘mer,

mer, nor fitting with Tool. And further he declared concerning the Word of God, and the Power of God, and that his Word and Power is one; and that his Power is an unlimited Power, and his Mercies unspeakable towards man, and that man's Destruction is of himself, and not of God; *Not of God* (said he) and said, that *The World's Breaden Christ, and Water will stand them in no stead.*

Christopher Cheesman,

Something is in my Heart to signifie to concerning the Innocent, Lamb-like life of our dear Friend, and patient Sufferer for the Truth of our God, *Francis Patchet.*

The Lord our God hath pronounced Wo against all that are covered, and not with the Spirit of the Lord; But I am satisfied and well assured, that that Dove-like Spirit descended upon him, and was his Covering, which made him to abide
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in the Doctrine, and follow the Example of his Captain Christ Jesus, whom he followed, whose faithful Souldier he was, against Sin, the Flesh and the Devil, triumphing in the Lord over them all, I am a living witness for him, being constantly with him in the time of his Sickness; I asked him if he had a Wife? he answered, *Yes, a very honest loving Woman;* saying at another time, *He came as freely from her as he was to go to her:* He being so freely given up to suffer for Truths sake, that he had nothing laid to his Charge. After he had lain still some Hours, he said, *My strength faileth me;* and I said, I hope the Lord doth not fail thee, to which he answered, *Through Mercy he never did fail me:* He continuing weak, and lay speechless for some time; the Spirit of the Lord wherewith he was coverd, revived him; whereby he had a new Strength given to him, to magnifie the pure, powerful Name of God in Prayer and Praises saying, 'The Lord hath laid the Foundation in Zion; the Lord is building up Zion with chosen Stones, with precious Stones
thas

that need no Hammer nor Tool to come
 upon them; the Lord is building a glo-
 rious House; and the Works of the
 Lord are glorious; Oh Praises to the
 powerful pure Name of God! which is
 above every Name; his Name hath
 done valiantly; he hath stretcht forth his
 Shepherds Crook, he hath drawn a lit-
 tle Remnant to himself, and hath led
 them through the Red Sea, he hath put
 a new Song in their Mouths, he hath
 caused them to sing praises upon the
 Banks of Salvation; pure praises unto his
 Pure, Holy, Powerful Name. And in
 Exhortation said, 'Oh love the Truth,
 buy the Truth and sell it not? Oh the
 Truth, Truth, Truth its more then all;
 Truth is stronger then all; the Truth
 shall prosper notwithstanding all Opposi-
 tion that shall rise up against it; The
 Truth (said he) will make you free. And
 further he said, 'Resist the Devil that
 subtil Serpent, and he will flee from
 you. My Soul rejoyceth (said he) to see
 this glorious day of the Lord.

*Here followeth something of the Expressions
of Dear Francis Patchet given forth up-
on his death-bed, in Testimony for God,
his Truth and People; who departed this
Life the 22d day of the tenth Moneth,
1677. about the ninth Hour of the Day.*

AFTER he had lain sometime in great
Weakness, insomuch that his
Speech was sometime taken from him,
and sometimes he could speak a few bro-
ken words, by which we could understand
that he told us, *That his Strength Failed*
him, and that he was almost spent; and af-
ter this he lay about an hour silent, in
great Weakness, insomuch that we looked
every Moment when he should depart this
Life; but it pleased the Lord (whose ser-
vant he was and is) inwardly to renew his
Strength, and raised him up in his power,
insomuch that a little after the twelfth
Hour of the Night, he began to break
forth into Praying and Praising the Lord
in a most sweet and precious manner, and
declared much of the goodness of the
Lord

Lord; and how bountiful he had been unto his Soul; and so he lay a pretty while admiring the precious love of God, which he said, did plentifully flow unto his soul through Jesus Christ: And he often said unto the Lord, *Praised; Praised be thy pure holy Name*: And then he earnestly exhorted Friends to be faithful in their places unto the Truth, saying in an overcoming Sense thereof, 'Oh! precious, precious Truth which first brake forth in this Nation: Its the Glory of *England*. And this Expression he fervently and frequently used, *That the despised Truth of God was Englands Glory*: And he spake much of God's Israel, saying, *The Lord who divided the Red Sea of old, to make way for his Redeemed, would surely once more appear for Zion sake*. Then he spake unto the Lord saying, *Oh thy precious Light! in which I see thy Glory; Lord, what will become of them that despise thy Light?* And though these are but some of the many sweet and heavenly Expressions, yet they are what the Lord brought fresh into my Remembrance, of which I am a living Witness,

Moses West.

*Here are some of the Words spoken by our
 dear Friend Francis Patchet a little be-
 fore his Death,*

OH the love of the Lord ! How good
 hath the Lord been unto my soul
 this day and this Evening ? Oh the Un-
 expressible love of God ! how hath it
 flowed forth unto my soul this day ? Praises,
 pure holy Praises, my Heart and Soul and
 all that is within me praises the Lord : Oh
 the wonderful love of the Lord ! *And*
then in Exhortation he said, Friends, be
 faithful to the Lord, press forward, be
 faithful to the Lord to the end of your
 dayes ; never look back, but press for-
 ward ; it matters not what Trials or Re-
 proaches you meet withal here, it is no-
 thing, be you Faithful to the Lord ; He
 will carry you through all ; He hath a lit-
 tle Remnant which he hath regard unto.
 Press forward Friends, in the Truth ; for
 it is the Truth, the Blessed Truth which
 is declared of. The Lord hath raised up
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many able Ministers of the Gospel, ~~the Gospel here in~~ *England*, The Lord is come to teach his People himself in Spirit and in Truth; the *False Prophet* and the *Hireling Priest* the Lord will cut down, and all that resist his Blessed, powerful Work, which he hath begun in this Nation of *England*: For he hath begun a good Work, and he will carry it on against all Opposition of Evil Spirits that resist it. Oh how is the Spirit of the Lord upon me at this time! pure, Holy praises be given unto his pure Holy powerful Name, which hath opened my Mouth at this time to speak of his wonderful Works, How the Lord appeared for *Israel* of old, by a Mighty and Outstretched Arm of power, when their Enemies were behind them, ready to overtake them, and the Red Sea before them; that in Appearance there was no way to escape, yet how did the Lord appear wonderfully for their Deliverance, and brought them through. *Speaking much more of what the Lord would do for his Faithful Israel in this day, Blessing and*
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praising the Lord for all his Mercies and Loving-kindnesses, which he was made largely a Partaker of, to the Praise of the great Name of the Lord.

Ann Edmundson.

Postscript.

Reader,

HAVING come much short of what was spoken and declared at large by this Faithful man, concerning the things of God, & his Kingdom, as they were plentifully opened unto him, upon his dying bed; and because we could not omit mention what we certainly retained in Memory, we have here collected a short Account of the the Heads of those things he declared of, with some Words expressly, as he spoke them.

As First, He spake much concerning The living Bread that came down from Heaven, the Heavenly Manna, the Souls

Food, Saying, *Buy it without Money, and without Price, eat and live for ever, drink and live for ever, Exhorting to know this Bread In our own Houses, &c.*

If you know the Truth (said he) the Truth shall set you free; Truth, Truth, Truth, Oh the precious Truth, it is all, and more then all.

And at another time said, *Oh! thy Pure Everlasting Light, which is so much despised amongst men; thy precious light by which I see thy Glory.*

And at another time, two Friends standing by his Bed side, he turned his Face to them and said, *I know you both, pray for me.* And some time after another Friend R. T. came in, and asking him how he did? His Answer was, *I have had a great Skirmish, but through Mercy I have overcome; and said also, Avoid Satan; I defie thee, get thee behind me Satan. I have got the Victory:* And then in Exhortation said, *Resist the Devil and he will flee from you, that subtil Serpent, that goes about like a Roaring Lion, seeking whom he may devour.* And spake much that the Devil would have

have Christ *To fall down and worship him,* and how the Devil carried Christ up to shew him the Glory of the World, saying, *All this will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.*

And again exhorted Friends saying, *Press forward to the End of your Dayes, my dear Brethren and Sisters that are here present with me, I know ye not (that is, after the outward man) but be ye all Faithful.*

He also spake very much concerning David (as well he might) being made a large Partaker of David's Experiences of the Goodness and Mercies of the Lord unto his Soul, as David did. *Oh David,* said he, *A man after God's own heart;* and how David praised the Lord, and to shew the Goodness of God to David, he spake very much.

And often times in great Admiration of the Truth, and its Glorious Appearance, he uttered these and the like Words, *Oh the Glory of England, the Appearance of Truth England's Glory.* And that *The Lord hath begun a Good Work in England, and he will carry it on notwithstanding all Opposition.* He

He exhorted much to Faithfulness, and to obey the Truth, and walk in the Truth, *The Truth of God*, said he, *is precious*. He did often express an Indignation, against Idolatry, False Prophets, and Hirelings, and said, *The False Prophet, and Hireling Priest the Lord will cut down, and he will teach his People himself*. And he declared much concerning Israel of old, and of their being brought into the good Land, the promised Land; *And after God had delivered Israel*, said he, *Then Israel sang Praises unto the Lord; out of Egypts Bondage they were delivered, and brought into the Good Land, the same it is this day, where none can make afraid*, which he often said; and spake how the Lord brought all his through Trials, Reproaches, and Troubles, saying, *It is no matter what Trials, Reproaches, Troubles and Afflictions we meet withal here; the Lord will bring and carry us through them all*. And likewise about the New-man, Not the old-man, said he, *but the New-man Christ Jesus that is revealed, doth bring back again out of the Fall*.

Thomas Farnbury (the man of the house
where

where he died) who not counted one of the People called *Quakers*, yet a friendly and honest man, gave this Testimony concerning him, *That it was the Divine Nature and Power of God that spake in him, more then at other times.*

This is the Substance of what we kept in Memory, being but a small part of those sweet and living Expressions given forth by this patient Sufferer, and Servant of the Lord, who by the Power of the Lord (after looked upon as a dead, or dying man) was raised up to declare of the wonderful works of God in a most sweet and heavenly manner, who began to speak, a little after the twelfth hour of the Night, & spake till about the the third Hour, and afterwards continued (making sweet Melody in his Heart to God) till between the ninth and tenth Hour in the Morning, and then departed out of this earthly House, like a patient Lamb : 2 Cor. 5. 1. For we know, that if our earthly House of this Tabernacle were dissolved, we have a Building of God, an House not made with Hands, *Eternal in the Heavens.*

Henry

Henry Toulson and Andrew Lund (his Country-men and Fellow prisoners for the same Testimony) Thomas and Marabella Farnbury, Christopher Cheesman and Elizabeth his Wife, Moses West, Ann Edmundson, Rebecca Veal, and Marabella Farnbury the younger, who were Eye and Ear-witnesses,

THE END.



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